Wednesday 6/25/41

Dear Bob,

This is the letter you suggested I write cleaning up the odds and ends.

Mileage: 142 Phila-DC a week ago, plus 62 in DC the three days you were here (I6m suprised that it came to this much, even though you guessed it would. I checked my records and found that from the time I got gas on the way to meet your plane until I got home after taking you to the station I put on 72 miles, of which I estimate 10 were personal). Total ~~[illegible]~~ are 204 miles or $12.24.

When I told you I spent a week on Agfa I was wrong. In going over it now I compute but 4 3/8 days. On the Collyer story 3/4 day. On J.T.Baker 1½ days. On Krupp-Nirosta 6 6/8 days including an interview still to be obtained with the Metals Priorities guy at OPM-in other words, everything up until your final decision (see below). This plus the three days you were here comes to 16 1/8 days, of $161.25. In addition, there is an 80¢ telephone call authorized in advance from Wilmington to Washington and 80¢ in parking lot tolls. Grand total: $174.09.

Which reminds me, I still haven't received the check that's overdue. I hope you can do something about it. I really have to have some dough by this weekend.

I have as yet found nothing on Raoul Maestri. However, in checking up I got something else which I dont think you want but which I report on the slight chance you might, or Allan might:

Dr. Jose Rivera, editor of the very influential Cuban newspaper Diario de La Marina, is in the US and was entertained at the Cuban Embassy a week ago last Friday. Rivera, although decorated by Hitler, Mussolini and Franco, now claims to advocate "Inter-American solidarity".

From the patent lawyer of whom I spoke I learned more about Nirosta (abbreviation of German for non-rusting):55% owned by Fried. Krupp A.G. through Swiss nominee (hence not frozen); can get letters which I have seen from Nirosta to the trade re royalties and licenses, the most interesting of which relates to government work. Although shortly after the outbre k of the the war Nirosta granted free use of its patents on all government work they circularized the trade on April 12 of this year by registered mail amending this to include only such work as is done directly for the government and for which the government or its departments are billed. One of the other intersting paragraphs in this letter reads,"Effective May 1 and until further notice

you are to include in your monthly reports to us as separate items and classified as heretofore, the tonage of the alloys shipped by you during the preceeding month to the United States Government on which, as outlined above, no recalty fee is payable to us."

In other words, Nirosta, comtrolled by the German steel trust, demands as a condition for the use of its indespensible exclusive patent rights (as it claims) detailed information on government purchases of stainless steels which are exclusively used for national-defense purposes.

I have seen the contract in which they also get the right to go over all the bokks hence see all the business of all firms licensed by them for the use of their stainless steel patents.

I have also learned that American corporate representatives on Nirosta have strongly recommended that Krupp sell its interest in order to revent confiscation by the US government, that a representative was or was to have been sent to Switzerland to consult with Krupp's agents with regard to this, but apparently Krupp refused.

Please tell Allan that the file I expected on his pretty little friend have not yet reached here. I'll write him the end of the week either way(I have been informed they might be here then).

Also, I may leave for Kentucky then. The way things look now I'll get there, if I go, at the time a strike, bound to be bloody, breaks out in Harlan. If all the ifs come to pass and the Inquirer or anybody else you might know might be interested, I have good friends in both camps, union and operator, and I'll be three hours from Harlan town, two hours from the county (can be reached c/o Homer Slay, London, Laurel County, Ky.)

So far I haven't been able to reach the clerk of the Patents Committee, so nothing new there.

Yours

Harold Weisberg